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SUBJECT:61ST ECOSOC: ITEM 19 - EGYPTIAN RESOLUTION ON
ASSISTANCE TO PALESTINIANS

REF: (A) GENEVA 6071 (NOTAL) (B) GENEVA 6035 (NOTAL)
(C) STATE 183452 (NOTAL)

1. THE FOLLOWING ARE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS REQUESTED IN
REF A, PARAGRAPH 7:

A. VOTE "NO" ON RESOLUTION AS DRAFTED, OR WITH ANY
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MENTION OF PLO.

B. WE WOULD PREFER THAT THERE BE NO PARAGRAPH BY PARAGRAPH VOTE BECAUSE OF QUESTIONABLE WORDING THROUGHOUT RESOLUTION. IF THERE IS A PARAGRAPH BY PARAGRAPH VOTE, YOU SHOULD VOTE IN FAVOR OF PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 4, AGAINST PARAGRAPH 2, AND ABSTAIN ON PARAGRAPH 3 (BECAUSE IT REFERS TO PARA (2)). YOU SHOULD VOTE "NO" ON RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE.

C. YOU SHOULD EXPLAIN YOUR VOTE AS FOLLOWS: THE UNITED STATES CAN SYMPATHIZE WITH THE BROAD PURPOSE OF THE RESOLUTION THAT HAS JUST BEEN ADOPTED BUT HAS VOTED AGAINST THE

RESOLUTION BECAUSE THE INTRODUCTION OF AN EXTRANEIOUS POLITICAL ISSUE INEVITABLY DRAWS INTO QUESTION THE OBJECTIVE OF THE RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE. PARAGRAPH TWO OF THE RESOLUTION ASSERTS THAT "THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION (IS) THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE." THE UNITED STATES RECOGNIZES AND SUPPORTS EFFORTS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. THE U.S. IS A MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TO UNRWA. BUT WE REJECT THE INTRUSION OF POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS INTO THE ACTIVITIES OF ECOSOC, AS WE REJECT EFFORTS TO POLITICIZE THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES. THIS IS WHY MY DELEGATION HAS VOTED "NO".

D. IF FORMULA OF "INTERESTED PARTIES" WITHOUT MENTION OF PLO IS AGREED, USDEL SHOULD VOTE FOR RESOLUTION, AS INSTRUCTED IN REF C.

2. ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT WISH DELEGATIONS TO UNDERTAKE MAJOR LOBBYING EFFORT, NOR DO WE WANT TO PROVOKE CONFRONTATION, YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR TO OTHERS, ESPECIALLY LATINS, THAT OUR VOTE IS BASED ON STRONG OPPOSITION TO POLITICIZATION OF UN ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL BODIES. KISSINGER

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